

PROCLAMATION **FAMILY LITERACY DAY** NOVEMBER 1, 2003

WHEREAS, advances in technology have changed the way people work, from the types of jobs available to the abilities needed to perform them; and

WHEREAS, the ability to hold a job, the demands of family life and the responsibilities of citizenship all require literacy skills; and

WHEREAS, becoming literate enables individuals to reach a level of independence that would not otherwise be attainable; and

WHEREAS, families, neighbors and volunteers in the United States are joining hands to promote literacy; and

WHEREAS, the statewide community of libraries have established a literacy support plan to increase literacy for all ages and all citizens of North Dakota by ensuring convenient and timely access to information for education, work and recreation; and

WHEREAS, organizations across the nation are joining hands to meet the Literacy Challenge through their contributions to the success of literacy programs; and

WHEREAS, it is through a literate society that the voice of the individual is heard; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim November 1, 2003, **FAMILY LITERACY DAY** in the State of North Dakota.

/s/ John Hoeven Governor

Attest:

/s/ Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State